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Twelfth meeting

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Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda*

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Committee**

Note by the Secretariat

A scenario note developed by the Chair of the Chemical Review Committee, Mr. Jürgen Helbig (Spain), to assist participants in preparing for the twelfth meeting of the Committee is set out in the annex to the present note.

* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.12/1.

Annex

Scenario note for the twelfth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee

1. The present scenario note is intended to assist participants in preparing for the twelfth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee.
2. The documents for the meeting have been posted on the website of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade ([HYPERLINK "http://www.pic.int"/]crc12) and made available to the Committee.

A. Objective and tasks

3. The general objective of the meeting is to complete the work assigned to the Committee by the Convention and the Conference of the Parties. To that end, the main tasks of the Committee are the following:
 - (a) To finalize the draft decision guidance documents for carbofuran and carbosulfan for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting;¹
 - (b) To determine whether the criteria set out in Annex II to the Convention have been met by each of the notifications of final regulatory action for atrazine, benzidine and hexachlorobenzene. If that is the case, to prepare a rationale for the conclusions of the Committee for each of those notifications;
 - (c) To determine whether the criteria set out in part 3 of Annex IV to the Convention have been met by the proposal to list carbofuran suspension concentrate 330 g/L as a severely hazardous pesticide formulation in Annex III to the Convention. If that is the case, to prepare a rationale for the conclusions of the Committee for the proposal;
 - (d) For those chemicals identified in subparagraphs (b) and (c) above that it recommends for listing in Annex III, to prepare such recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties, establish intersessional drafting groups and draw up workplans for the preparation of decision guidance documents.

B. Meeting agenda

4. The provisional agenda for the meeting (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.12/1) lists the matters before the Committee. Committee members are invited to notify the Secretariat before the meeting of any other matters that should be included. The annotations to the provisional agenda (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.12/1/Add.1) identify issues for discussion under each agenda item and the documents that correspond to that item.

C. Organization of work

5. The meeting will take place from Wednesday to Friday, 14 to 16 September 2016. The intersessional task groups will meet on Tuesday, 13 September 2016.
6. Contact groups and drafting groups will be established as needed throughout the meeting. A tentative schedule, including the working hours, is set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.12/INF/2.
7. The meeting will begin at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 14 September 2016, with opening formalities in plenary (item 1 of the provisional agenda). The Committee will then adopt the agenda for the meeting (item 2 (a) of the provisional agenda), amended as appropriate, and agree on the organization of work (item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda).
8. The Committee will then consider the rotation of the membership (item 3 of the provisional agenda). A representative of the Secretariat will provide information on the rotation of the membership in May 2016, and the newly designated members, if any.

¹ The Conference of the Parties will consider at its eighth meeting the recommendations by the Committee made at its previous meeting to list the chemicals in Annex III to the Convention and the decision guidance documents for possible adoption.

9. The Committee will then consider the draft decision guidance documents on carbofuran and carbosulfan with a view to finalizing them (items 4 (a) (i) and (ii) of the provisional agenda).
 10. Following the report of the Bureau on the preliminary review of notifications of final regulatory action and the proposal for a severely hazardous pesticide formulation (item 4 (b) of the provisional agenda), the Committee will review the notifications of final regulatory action (items 4 (c) (i), (ii) and (iii) of the provisional agenda) and the proposal for a severely hazardous pesticide formulation (item 4 (d) of the provisional agenda). On the basis of its review, the Committee will decide whether to recommend that the Conference of the Parties list any of the candidate chemicals in Annex III to the Convention, establish drafting groups and adopt a workplan to prepare draft decision guidance documents for the recommended chemicals.
 11. The Committee will then decide on the venue and date of its thirteenth meeting (item 5 of the provisional agenda) and consider any other matters, including the report on activities for effective participation in the work of the Committee (item 6 of the provisional agenda).
 12. The report of the meeting is expected to be adopted during the afternoon of Friday, 16 September 2016 (item 7 of the provisional agenda). The Committee will approve the report of the meeting as at the end of the plenary session of the afternoon of Thursday, 15 September 2016, with any amendments that it may consider necessary. Consistent with past practice, the Committee may agree that the section of the report pertaining to the plenary sessions held on Friday, 16 September 2016, will be prepared by the rapporteur, in cooperation with the Secretariat, and incorporated into the final meeting report under the authority of the Chair.
 13. Upon the conclusion of the matters before the Committee, the Chair will close the meeting (item 8 of the provisional agenda) on Friday, 16 September 2016.
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